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RE: 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governors' Interstate Indian Council Conference – November 1-2, 2011

Dear Indian Affairs Director,

The Governors' Interstate Indian Council is holding the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governors' Interstate Indian Council (GIIC) Conference from November 1-2, 2011 in Portland, Oregon. The GIIC represents all member Indian Affairs offices, commissions, councils, and/or state agencies charged with promoting positive state-tribal relations throughout the United States. The 2011 conference will be held at the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower, Portland, Oregon.

The GIIC Conference provides an opportunity for each state to address issues relative to state-tribal relations and current policies affecting tribes and states, stimulate new ideas, and to reinforce the importance of networking and working cooperatively. A conference registration form has been enclosed for your completion. Due to budget cuts to many of our state budgets, we are requesting a minimal conference registration fee in order to keep it affordable for states to attend.

An invitation letter is also being sent to your state's Governor's Office with a request to appoint delegates to represent your state. **Each Governor of our member states has the opportunity to designate delegates to represent their state at the GIIC Conference. At least one delegate must be an American Indian tribal member, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian.** Member states must pay an annual membership fee prior to the opening of the General Assembly and the office of the Governor must appoint by letter up to three (3) delegates. Rights and privileges of membership include: the right to vote at the General Assembly, the right to hold office and the right to submit a proposal for the General Assembly.

I would like to encourage your state to participate in this very important conference. Please note that the appointment of delegates does not prohibit other representatives from attending this conference.

We look forward to your state's participation and your representatives joining us in Portland, Oregon next month.

Sincerely,

Sherry L. Rupert, President  
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Enclosure